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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 11, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002, please amend the above
identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 9-20 as follows:

9. (New) A water electrolytic apparatus comprising a plurality of water electrolytic cells each having a solid polymer electrolyte membrane, an anode, and a cathode, the anode and the cathode being plate shaped and arranged on opposite sides of said electrolyte membrane, respectively, said water electrolytic cells being developed on a hypothetical plane and electrically connected in series to one another, wherein said solid polymer electrolyte membranes, said anodes, and said cathodes of said water electrolytic cells are developed on respective common hypothetical planes that extend parallel to one another and said anode and cathode have a uniform thickness throughout.